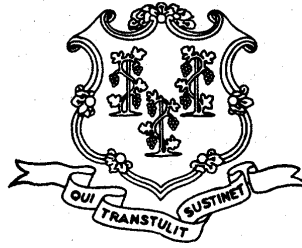


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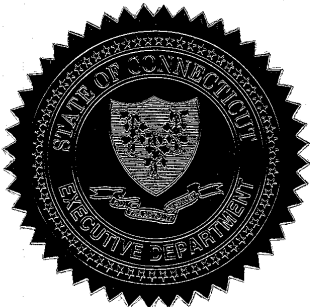
Official Statement

On behalf of the State of Connecticut,
I, M. JODI RELL, Governor,
take great pleasure in
congratulating the
Hartford County Bar Association
in recognition of its
225th Anniversary Celebration.

As the oldest Bar Association
in the country, the Hartford County Bar
Association has served the State of Connecticut
with great distinction. Throughout its 225 year history,
the Hartford County Bar Association has remained committed to
advancing jurisprudence, upholding and improving the professional
and educational standards of the legal profession, assisting in
employing the abilities of the legal profession for the
general good of the public and to facilitating
the administration of justice.

The members of this fine
organization have earned an outstanding
reputation promoting public service and advancing
the principles of law. Congratulations on this milestone
and may the Hartford County Bar Association
continue to prosper in Connecticut
for years to come.

Therefore, I, M. Jodi Rell, Governor of the State of Connecticut,
in recognition and celebration of its 225th Anniversary, do
hereby officially convey honor and recognition upon the
HARTFORD COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
in the State of Connecticut.



M. Jodi Rell
Governor